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1. CONTENTS REFTEL DISCUSSED WITH ACTING DIRECTOR OF AGENCY TA DIVISION (LLOYD, UK) AND CHIEF OF FELLOWSHIP AND TRAINING SECTION (HAMMOND, US), WHO EXPRESSED FOLLOWING VIEWS ON APPROACH TO US CONTRI- BUTIONS IN KIND FOR CY 1974 CONTAINED TEREIN.

2. TYPE II FELLOWSHIPS: BOTH EXTREMELY GRATIFIED AT PLANNED US INCREASE TO APPROXIMATELY 55 TYPE II FELLOWSHIPS, WHICH WOULD GREATLY ASSIST IN STEMMING DECLINE IN FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM DUE TO STEADILY RISING COSTS PER FELLOW.

3. TRAINING COURSES: BOTH AGREED WITH VALUE OF TRAINING COURSES IN US, AND SAID AGENCY PROPOSED DROPPING THEM FOR 1974 ONLY BECAUSE OF NUMBER OF OTHER TRAINING COURSES FUNDED FROM SOURCES (E.G. UNDP) WHICH WOULD NOT BE TURNED INTO FELLOWSHIPS COMBINED WITH POTENTIALLY SERIOUS SITUATION AGENCY FACING THIS YEAR ON NUMBER OF FELLOWSHIPS AVAILABLE. ACCORDINGLY, LLOYD CONFIRMED AGENCY WISH TO DROP TRAINING COURSES DURING 1974, WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS IS ONE-TIME ACTION WHICH SHOULD

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NOT BE REGARDED AS PRECEDENT FOR FUTURE YEARS. AT

PRESENT, FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM FOR 1974 NOT YET FIRMED UP, BUT LLOYD EXPRESSED READINESS TO CONSIDER UTILIZING PORTION OF \$70,000 NOT USED FOR TRAINING COURSES TO PROVIDE INCREASED NUMBER OF COST-FREE, OR PARTIAL COST-FREE, EXPERTS, RATHER THAN USING ALL OF IT TO PROVIDE 8 ADDITIONAL TYPE II FELLOWSHIPS. (FYI: HAMMOND, SPEAKING ON PERSONAL BASIS, SAID HE HAD FEELING IT FAIRLY PROBABLE THAT ADEQUATE 1974 PROGRAM CAN BE COMPLETED WITHOUT USING ALL 8 OVER THE ABOUT 55 WHICH US PLANS TO OFFER ALREADY; HE STRESSED THAT THIS WAS PERSONAL AND SUBJECTIVE OPINION WHICH COULD EASILY BE ALTERED IN FACE OF FURTHER RUSH OF APPLICATIONS OR COMPLETION OF REVIEWS OF THOSE ALREADY IN. END FYI.) IF IT POSSIBLE, AGENCY PREFERENCE WOULD BE TO HAVE FUNDS KEPT AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT 1-8 TYPE II FELLOWSHIPS OVER BASIC OFFER OF 55, WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT BY JULY AT LATEST, AND PROBABLY SOMEWHAT BEFORE THEN, AGENCY WOULD INFORM US WHETHER ALL OF THESE WOULD BE FULLY UTILIZED. IF NOT, ANY REMAINING FUNDS WOULD THEN BE USED TO SUPPORT ADDITIONAL COST-FREE EXPERT SERVICES.

4. EXPERTS AND EQUIPMENT: LLOYD EXTREMELY PLEASED BY INDICATION THAT LARGE INCREASE MAY BE FORTHCOMING IN TOTAL VALUE OF US EQUIPMENT GRANTS, BUT HE INCLINED TO QUESTION WHETHER PROGRAM COULD ABSORB ENTIRE AMOUNT ALL AT ONCE. ALL EQUIPMENT IN 1974 PROGRAM COMES TO ONLY ABOUT \$1.2-MILLION, WITH \$325,000 OR MORE OF THIS PLANNED FOR PURCHASE IN RUBLES OF SOVIET EQUIPMENT. THERE ALSO SOME POSSIBLE GIFTS IN KIND FROM OTHER DONORS. LLOYD SAID AGENCY HAD BEEN USING US GRANTS TOTALLING ABOUT \$250,000-300,000 (SOMEWHAT HIGHER THAN US GRANTS IN 1973) AS PLANNING BASIS IN CONNECTION 1974 PROGRAM; WHILE IT QUITE POSSIBLE THAT ENTIRE \$380,000 COULD BE EASILY AND PRODUCTIVELY UTILIZED, HE FELT THAT IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE FOR US TO CONFINE FORMAL OFFERS OF EQUIPMENT AT THIS STAGE TO AROUND \$300,000. REMAINING FUNDS COULD BE USED TO BOLSTER COST-FREE OR PARTIAL COST-FREE EXPERT FUNDS DURING YEAR IF NEEDED (AND ESPECIALLY SO IF ALL 8 TYPE II FELLOWSHIPS DISCUSSED ABOVE WERE REQUIRED AS FELLOWSHIPS), WITH ANY BALANCE FOR EQUIPMENT.

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MENT TO BE COMMITTED LATER IN 1974 WHEN REMAINING REQUIREMENTS COULD BE BETTER IDENTIFIED.

5. COMMENT: MISSION AGREED WITH LLOYD'S FEELING THAT US GRANTS OF NEARLY HALF OF NON-RUBLE EQUIPMENT IN 1974 PROGRAM WOULD BE AWFULLY BIG BITE ALL AT ONCE, AND RECOMMENDS THAT WE HOLD INITIAL OFFERS TO AROUND \$3000,000 FOR PRESENT. END COMMENT.

6. IF DEPT/AEC CONCUR WITH ABOVE REVISION OF APPROACH
REFTEL, MISSION SUGGESTS THAT WE CONFIRM DELETION OF
TRAINING COURSES IN 1974 AND SUBSTITUTION OF EQUIVALENT
VALUE IN TYPE II FELLOWSHIPS AND/OR COST-FREE EXPERTS,
ON UNDERSTANDING THAT ELIMINATION OF TRAINING COURSES
IS ONE-TIME NON-PRECEDENTIAL ACTION, BY EXCHANGE OF
LETTERS WITH DDG GOSWAMI (REFERRING TO HIS LETTER OF
LAST AUGUST ON THIS SUBJECT).

7. ADVISE. PORTER

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